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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its *Herring* Advisory Panel on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 10 a.m., to view the agenda see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, 1 Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880: (781) 245-9300.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director,
New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Advisory Panel will review alternatives and analyses prepared for Framework Adjustment 5 to the Atlantic *Herring* Fishery Management Plan (FMP), an action considering modification of accountability measures (AMs) that trigger if the sub-ACL of Georges Bank *haddock* is exceeded by the midwater trawl *herring* fishery. The panel may recommend preferred alternatives for the Committee to consider for final action. The panel will also review preliminary outcomes from the recent workshop held in December, on Management Strategy Evaluation of Atlantic *Herring* Acceptable Biological Catch control rules being considered in Amendment 8 to the Atlantic *Herring* FMP. The panel may recommend a range of alternatives for the Committee to consider including in Amendment 8 related to harvest control rule alternatives. The panel will review public comments on the *herring* related measures being considered in the Omnibus Industry Funded Monitoring (IFM) Amendment. The panel may recommend preferred alternatives for the Committee to consider. Address other business, as necessary.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies,

Executive Director, at 978-465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 19, 2016.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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